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Mr. Philip S. Hughes  
Assistant Director for  
Legislative Reference  
Bureau of the Budget  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hughes:

I refer to legislative referral memorandum of February 17, 1960 concerning a draft joint resolution, "Reserving as public open space the area in the D. C. between H St. & Constitution Ave. & 23rd & 25th Sts., NW." submitted by the National Capital Planning Commission.

Upon completion of the new Central Intelligence Agency headquarters at Langley, Virginia, now anticipated for the fall of 1961, and the approaches to the Theodore Roosevelt Memorial Bridge, there will remain occupied by this Agency three buildings located in the area bounded as described above. These are designated the Central, East and Administration Buildings and contain approximately 76,127 square feet of working space. While it is planned to move certain components out of these buildings to our Langley headquarters, we are counting on relocating other components by placing them in these three buildings. Accordingly, the buildings will remain fully utilized for machinery and laboratory-type activities, as well as for normal office space.

As you are aware, our new Langley headquarters falls considerably short of being able to accommodate all of our personnel. We have provided the Public Buildings Service of General Services Administration a schedule of our over-all requirements and have requested them to make suitable arrangements for regrouping and housing all of our personnel who will not be moving to Langley. Discussions to date have been based on the assumption that the Central, East and Administration Buildings will be among those which will remain available for our future occupancy. The continued use of these permanent-type buildings for an indefinite period is essential inasmuch as the General Services Administration is required by Public Law 84-161 (1955) to demolish temporary Government building space in the District of Columbia of equivalent occupancy to that relinquished by the Central Intelligence Agency.

By letter of January 14, 1960, Mr. Daniel Shear, General Counsel, National Capital Planning Commission, advised us of this legislative proposal. In subsequent discussion with him we have understood that

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this draft joint resolution would not preclude the Central Intelligence Agency from continuing to occupy its three buildings indefinitely until other permanent housing suitable to the requirements of this Agency is made available. We understand further that during the period of our continued occupancy of these buildings the intent of the resolution is not to preclude us from continuing to make alterations and renovations which are not of a major character, nor from making reassignments of components of our agency to working spaces in these buildings.

The present draft of the resolution appears to prevent us from continuing to make reasonable non-major alterations and renovations of the sort which we anticipate will be essential during our future occupancy. Subject to a suitable qualification of this proviso in section 5 of the resolution, and based on the correctness of our understandings referred to in the preceding paragraph, this Agency does not find it necessary to object to the proposed joint resolution.

We are forwarding a copy of this letter to the General Counsel, National Capital Planning Commission, to confirm our oral understanding of this matter.

Very truly yours,

John S. Warner  
Legislative Counsel

cc: General Counsel, National  
Capital Planning Commission

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this paper. No written approval  
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